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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MO
SUBJ: OVERDUE PAYMENTS ON FMS CASH CONTRACTS

REF: (A) STATE 241757 (B) RABAT 5904

1. ANALYSIS OF DELIVERY SCHEDULES OF MOROCCAN FMS CASH CON-
TRACTS INDICATES THAT ONLY THE FOLLOWING PERMIT
REALISTIC CONSIDERATION OF THE OPTIONS LISTED IN PARA 3
OF REFTEL A:

CASE MATERIEL	TOTAL	REC'D	OVERDUE	REMARKS
DOL				
VALUE				
UFD TANK RECOV	4.4M	.7M	2.3M	DEL SCHED JUL 79
(USA)VEH				
UFW TANK RECOV	4.0M	.7M	2.5M	DEL SCHED JUL 79
(USA)VEH				
UGK VULCAN	66.9M	20.6M	26.4M	40 M163 DEL'D; 40
(USA) M163 & M167				M167 VALUED AT DOL
				19M SCHED DEL 4/QR
				CY 78

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UFV DRAGON AT 39.1M 12.3M 25.8M 25M WORTH SCHED DEL
(USA)MISSILE CY 79
AAK AMMO 10.2M 2.6M 2.3M SMALL DEL OCCUR AT
(USAF) APPROX 2 MO INTERVALS
YAA AIM-9J 9.1M -0- 1.0M DEL TO BEGIN MAR 79
(USAF)

2. DELIVERIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED ON 2 OTHER LARGE CONTRACTS, UGB AND UGC, WHICH WERE MENTIONED IN REFTEL A AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR CANCELLATION, REDUCTION, OR EXTENSION OF DELIVERIES.

3. WHEN THE POSSIBILITY OF RESORTING TO THE OPTIONS IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A WAS RAISED WITH CHIEF, FINANCIAL AFFAIRS DIV OF ADMIN OF NATL DEF, HE QUICKLY RESPONDED THAT ONLY THE KING COULD MAKE SUCH DECISIONS AND IT WAS NOT LIKELY THAT HE WOULD AGREE GIVEN PRIORITIES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

4. FYI SOME FACTORS WHICH WOULD BEAR ON ANY GOM DECISION TO IMPLEMENT OPTIONS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A FOLLOW:

A. TANK RECOVERY VEHICLES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER UFD AND UFW ARE ONLY KNOWN VEHICLES SOON TO BE IN RMA INVENTORY CAPABLE OF RECOVERING DAMAGED US ORIGIN M48A3 AND M48A5 TANKS (OTHER THAN ANOTHER M48). SIX OF THESE VEHICLES ARE TO BE LOCATED WITH EACH M48 TANK BATTALION OF 54 TANKS.

B. THE 40 M167 TOWED VULCANS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DELIVERY CONSTITUTE 40 PERCENT OF RMA'S TOTAL MODERN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN CAPABILITY. ANY EXTENTION OF DELIVERIES WOULD IMPACT ON REQUIREMENT TO ATTAIN OPERATION CAPABILITY BY END OF CY 79. LATER DELIVERIES WOULD ALSO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AIR DEFENSE MOBILE TRAINING TEAM IN PLANNING FOR 1ST QTR CY 1979.

C. FAILURE TO FIELD THE DRAGON ANTI-TANK MISSILE SYSTEM
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(UFW) DUE TO CANCELLATION, REDUCTION, OR EXTENTION OF MISSILE DELIVERIES WOULD LEAVE A LARGE GAP IN THE RMA'S PLANNED CLOSE IN ANTI-TANK CAPABILITY.

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS, THAT AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, GOM IS ATTEMPTING TO FREE UP FUNDS TO PAY THE FMS CASH ARREARAGES AND IS NOT YET PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE OPTIONS OF CANCELLATION, REDUCTION, OR DEALY OF CONTRACTS (SEE REFTEL B).
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